

Cup final promises goals galore



Les Schoenflug, Marconi coach

Lots of goals and some breathtaking individual performances should distinguish the Phillips Cup final at Olympic Park on Saturday night as the finest yet.

Most of the nine games between Heidelberg and Marconi since the PSL started have featured lots of goals. The most recent of them was a thrilling 3-3 draw only two weeks ago, when Heidelberg fought back after trailing 1-3.

Marconi's Mark Jankovic had a brilliant game that day, scoring twice and setting up the other goals for Eddie Krncevic.

The first meeting between these two great clubs resulted in that historic 8-19 victory to Marconi at Middle Park, when Ernie Campbell notched a hat-trick. Campbell later joined Sydney City and now is with St George.

Heidelberg improved to hold Marconi to a scoreless draw later in the season and since then it has been at least Marconi's equal.

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Marconi thrashed Heidelberg 4-0 in their first game of 1978 and remained unbeaten until the second time it met the Bergers, who had a resounding 4-1 victory at Olympic Park. This time Andy Bozikas had a mighty game for Heidelberg and Ray Richards fought a memorable rearguard action for Marconi.

Jimmy Rooney was captain of Marconi in 1977 when he won the PSL Best Player award, and in 1978. He switched to Heidelberg in 1979 and was outstanding in its 4-0 victory over Marconi in the first half of the season, as were Gary Cole and Branko Buljevic.

They met again in the last game of 1978, with Heidelberg winning 3-2. Marconi had won the championship and Heidelberg had finished second. Rooney was again brilliant, but not more so than Jim Tansey, while Gary Byrne and Ivo Prskalo, until he was injured, starred for Marconi.

This year, both matches have resulted in draws, and Marconi forward Mark Jankovic dominated in both of them.

He and Eddie Krncevic destroyed Heidelberg in the air last time, and the midfield trio of Jim Cant, Gary Byrne and Peter Raskopoulos found acres of room to dominate in the second half.

Heidelberg however exploited slack marking and the indecisiveness of Marconi's defence which has been the team's achilles heel most of the season. Jamie Paton turned opponents at will and Andy Bozikas outplayed the Marconi men with skill and speed.

The pattern of the Cup final is predictable. Marconi's Jim Muir and Tony Henderson will mark Gary Cole and Jamie Paton and Heidelberg will play its usual game, using first time return balls to build up numbers going forward, and picking up whoever is closest in defence.

Either team can win this game, and win it handsomely.

Melbourne fans are holding their breath in expectation. This could be the first trophy won by a Victorian club since the PSL started in 1977.



Len McKendry, Heidelberg coach

Hermiston our player of year



JAT Player of the Year Jim Hermiston (left) of Brisbane Lions confronts Heidelberg's Theo Solemidia at Olympic Park last Sunday. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



GARY COLE: top scorer



MARTYN CROOK: top goalkeeper



DENNIS BOLAND: top goalkeeper



MIKE MILOVANOVIC: best under-21 player

By KYLE PATTERSON

After three narrow misses, Queensland policeman Jim Hermiston finally has won the "Soccer Action" — Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award.

Hermiston, of Brisbane Lions, finished the 1980 Phillips League season with an average rating of 8.3.

He missed out on the award by only .1 in 1977 when he played for Brisbane City. He had an average of 7.8 but Jimmy Rooney, then of Marconi, won the award with 7.9.

In 1978 Ken Boden, then

of Newcastle, won with 7.8 while Hermiston had 7.3. Last year Ivo Prskalo (Marconi) won with 8.04 while Hermiston had 7.57.

But Hermiston has done it this time, and his average is the highest since the award started in 1976. The winners that year (pre-PSL) were Steve Kokoska for Victoria and Bruce Stowell for NSW.

Hermiston's prize is a return trip for two to Europe.

Other major prize-winners are:

• Gary Cole (Heidelberg), PSL top scorer — wins a return trip to Europe from Goldair Travel of Melbourne;

• Mike Milovanovic (Canberra City), PSL best under-21 player — wins a return trip to Surfer's

Paradise from "Soccer Action".

• Martyn Crook (West Adelaide) and Denis Boland (Footscray) — joint PSL best goalkeepers, win Seiko watches from Konstantine Jewel Box of Melbourne.

Sydney City meanwhile won its second PSL championship in beating St. George 4-1, thus maintaining its reputation as the Real Madrid of Australian soccer.

Under its old name, Hakoah, the club dominated the NSW State League. Now it is set to establish a dynasty in the PSL.

Not only did Sydney City win the 1977 and 1980 championships, but it also finished in the top four the

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1980: Jim Hermiston



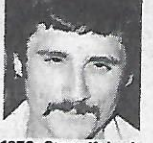
1979: Ivo Prskalo



1978: Ken Boden



1977: Jimmy Rooney



1976: Steve Kokoska



1976: Bruce Stowell

Iraq ban helps 'Roos

The Socceroos have gained a significant World Cup advantage without kicking a ball.

They will not have to play in Iraq!

FIFA last week banned international matches in Iraq for two years because a referee was shot at and robbed after an Olympic qualifying match in Baghdad.

Australia will have to meet Iraq in the final Asian play-offs if both countries win their initial World Cup qualifying groups. The play-offs are to be home and away in all cases except Iraq. It is likely that Iraq's "home" game will be in a neutral country.

But first Iraq will have to win Asian Group Three which includes also Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.

Australia will have to beat New

Zealand, Taiwan, Fiji and Indonesia in Group One.

FIFA says in its monthly bulletin that the Iraq Football Association has been fined 5,000 Swiss Francs (about 2,670 Aust dollars).

FIFA said trouble flared up in the final of the Olympic Asian Group after Malaysian referee Mr Joseph had awarded a penalty which enabled Kuwait to win the match 3-2.

The bulletin said Mr Joseph was attacked by spectators who invaded the pitch and two Iraqi football officials later burst into his hotel room and shot at him with a revolver, fortunately missing him.

FIFA said the referee discovered that his wallet, containing 500 U.S. dollars, had gone and later a medical report from a Kuala Lumpur hospital stated he had suffered contusions and a bone fracture.

According to the FIFA bulletin, Mr Joseph was forced to sign a

report saying he had made a mistake in awarding the penalty.

In a letter to the Iraq Football Association FIFA blamed the Association for not providing adequate protection and demanded that it reimburse the 500 dollars and expenses.

FIFA fined the Iraqi Association the maximum 5,000 francs and suspended all international matches in the country until July 2, 1982.

In an editorial, FIFA said: "We hope publication of these severe sanctions will act as a warning to those football officials at association and club levels who, in their fanatical blindness about football, believe that referees arriving from abroad to control matches are defenceless and at the mercy of their threats and intimidations."

• A special report on Iraqi and Kuwaiti soccer appears in "Soccer Action" next week.

SOCCER IN SILVER

Con Zikos and Arthur Pallas have been making jewellery in Melbourne for 16 years. Now, with a new 300-ton press, they are producing ingot pendants which they say will be a boon to clubs. The soccer medal has the familiar simple stick figure logo in black and makes a modern piece of jewellery as well as identifying the wearer as a supporter of the club.

Their company, Stylform, is supplying the medal only to clubs. They expect that the medal, with individual club name engraved, will be so popular that clubs selling them to their members will receive a strong financial boost.

The ingot is of fine silver 999 but it also comes in 9 or 18 carat



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By JOHNNY
WARREN, former
Socceroo captain

Hail the great heroes of old

The Australian Soccer Federation finally is going to honour all former Australian internationals in a special ceremony before the Centenary Grand Final at Bruce Stadium, Canberra, on Sunday October 26.

All former internationals will be invited to the grand final, given complimentary VIP tickets and presented with a small memento in recognition of their services to soccer.

It is to be hoped that many of our former Socceroos accept the ASF's gesture especially as the ASF has received so much flak over the years for its lack of suitable recognition to former Socceroos.

The Honouring of the former greats is one of many innovative promotional ideas for the Centenary final.

The others include four hours of non stop family type entertainment both on and off the field prior to the big match.

Four of the former greats of Australian soccer, Ray Richards, Ray Baartz, Manfred Schaefer and Attila Abonyi have been invited to play in my All Star team as the curtain raiser to the Phillips Soccer League grand final on October 26 in Canberra. The quartet have been extended invitations to join Canberra City's most promising juniors in a composite side to play the national youth team prior to the Centenary grand final.

Inclusion of the four household names from not so long ago is sure to be an added attraction for the grand final.

For me Abonyi, Baartz, Richards and Schaefer were four of the best players Australia produced over the past 25 years have no doubt if they were coming through the ranks now they would have been even better players.

We all became associated at national team level in 1967 on the Vietnam Friendship Tournament Tour under Joe Vlasits. That association continued until 1974 when Baartz was tragically injured against Uruguay and prematurely retired.

Schaefer retired after St. George's 1974 grand final win. Richards after the Rasic Richards feud which split the Marconi club in 1978 and Abonyi after he became the successful coach of Melita at the beginning of this season.

At club level all four are dominant personalities who have not been adequately replaced at their respective former clubs.

At national team level the same has really applied.

All were tremendous ambassadors on overseas tours and a great credit to the game.

Abonyi still is the leading scorer in international matches. He scored 25 goals in his 58 full international appearances.

Baartz appeared in 49 full internationals for 18 goals to rank second to only Abonyi in the goalscoring department.

Richards thrived on his reputation as the man everyone loved to hate and emerged as one of the most dominant personalities Australian soccer has seen.

His attacking flair, long throws and powerful shooting typified his aggressive play in his 32 full internationals.

Schaefer, the iron man of Australian soccer, played 49 full internationals up to and including the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

An airline has broken out between Australia's two main carriers, TAA and Ansett, over carrying interstate soccer fans to the Centenary Grand Final in Canberra on Sunday October 26.

In tourist conscious Canberra, the two airlines have quickly jumped onto the grand final bandwagon and both are putting together economic and attractive tourist packages for soccer fans throughout Australia.

The packages will take in a weekend's activities climaxing of course with the grand final at Bruce Stadium on the Sunday afternoon.

Although TAA is the official soccer carrier, there is nothing to stop arch rival Ansett from trying to cash in on the grand final.

Both TAA and Ansett are sure to announce their weekend grand final in Canberra shortly.

The competition is sure not to hurt soccer fans.

It should ensure that soccer fans get full value for their money and certainly will not hurt the ASF in its attempts to attract a huge crowd to the national capital.

Soccer fans should not hesitate to contact their local offices for further details as soon as possible.

Apart from the weekend in Canberra and the obvious attraction of the grand final the top two of Marconi, Sydney City, Heidelberg and South Melbourne, fans will be treated to a four hour family entertainment spectacular before the kick off.

The people of Canberra are determined to make the grand final a tremendous success, despite the natural objections to the venue from some of the top four clubs.

Canberra has all the potential to realise the PSL's faith in attempting to make the national capital's Bruce Stadium, the Wembley of Australian soccer.

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Victorian PSL player of the year John Yzendoorn (centre) with well-wishers Steve Kokoska (left), Gary Cole (right), Carl Gilder (bottom left) and Peter Blasby (bottom right).

The Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) has voted the following Victorian all star eleven:

Dennis BOLAND (JUST)			
Vince BANNON (Hellas)	John YZENDOORN (H'berg)	Jim TANSEY (H'berg)	Alan DAVIDSON (Hellas)
Jim CAMPBELL (H'berg)	George CHRISTOPOULOS (Hellas)	Jimmy ROONEY (H'berg)	
Gary COLE (H'berg)	Jamie PATON (H'berg)	Alan EVANS (Hellas)	

'Davo' keeps on winning

The trophy for the Victorian under 21 player of the year marks another stage in the remarkable development of Alan Davidson.

He popped up in the senior team of State League club Altona City

Bambridge — again



Twice the Press has given an award for the Victorian Referee of the Year. Twice it has been won by Chris Bambridge (pictured).

He won it in 1976 when he was 29. He won it again last week, at 33.

Born in Kettering, Bambridge refereed in England for three years and has been at it for seven years in Australia.

Since his first win in 1976, Bambridge has joined the FIFA panel and become a regular PSL referee.

during the 1977 Ampol Cup night series when he was 16 and even then he played better than his more senior team mates.

'Davo', as he is known, was about to join Footscray J.U.S.T. early in 1979 but failed to come to financial terms and decided on South Melbourne Hellas instead.

About the same time he was selected by Rudi Gutendorf to the national youth team for world championship matches in New Zealand and Paraguay.

He was in the national team that won the Oceania Cup in Noumea this year and now is set to tour the world with the Socceroos in November-December.

Davidson started soccer at school and then had one year with West Newport before joining Altona where he played from under 13 upwards. He represented Victoria at under 13, 14, 15, 16 and senior levels and in 1976 he was one of three Victorians named in the Australian all-stars after the national championships.

The others were Eddie Krncevic and Colin Allison.

He has spent most of his soccer in midfield, but has been playing at left back for Hellas since last year.

Yzendoorn: now for the big one

John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg was named Victorian PSL player of the Year at the Press awards last week.

In presenting him with the trophy, ASF president Sir Arthur George described Yzendoorn as the most improved player

in the national team, where he has been used at right back, in midfield and most recently, as sweeper.

Yzendoorn also was a star in the Victorian State team that beat AEK Athens, Partizan Belgrade and Red Star Belgrade.

It was the first time that a Philips League award was included in the Bill Fleming presentation night.

Yzendoorn now must start among the favorites for the national Press awards at the Menzies Hotel, Sydney, on 30 October.

Yzendoorn played for Preston North End in England. He joined Victorian State League club Slavia for the start of 1978 and won 'Soccer Action' Player of the Year award in his first season. He transferred to Heidelberg last year, along with Slavia team mate Jamie Paton.



Victorian Coach of the Year John Margaritis, with best under 21 player Alan Davidson.

Margaritis praises his fighting men

Last in 1979, almost first in 1980. That was the achievement for which Hellas coach John Margaritis was rewarded last week.

Margaritis was named Victorian Coach of the Year at the Press awards in St. Kilda.

Like fellow winners, John Yzendoorn (PSL player of the year) and Alan Davidson (best under 21 player) he is now among the favorites in the national Press awards in Sydney on 30 October.

For the past six years, Margaritis has been among the most successful coaches in Australia with the big Greek clubs that are regarded as the coaches' graveyards — South Melbourne Hellas, Heidelberg and West Adelaide.

He played three international matches for Greece and was a star with PAOK before coming to Australia in the early sixties to play for Hellas. He was a regular State representative from 1962 to 1964 and had one season with Heidelberg at the end of his career.

Margaritis, 41, paid tribute to Mike Watson, the Hellas trainer who has worked closely with him this year.

He also praised his squad for its fine season. Pressed to name the players who have been the biggest successes this year, he said:

"It is not easy for a player to change his attitude and his

style of play but Duncan Cummings has done so and it has been a great achievement. He is more dedicated now and he is a fighter. Earlier he was much too soft but now he is a man who plays with guts and courage.

"I did not think that after his knee operation Arthur Xanthopoulos could be as good as he was this year. I thought he was a bit slow and he wasn't dedicated enough to his football. Arthur proved me wrong. He is now the best stopper in Australia because he is so consistent and because he has incredible technique, which is unusual for that position. He can make the ball sing.

"Bertie Lutton had a very good year. He is very fast and he used his great experience. It was a bit of a gamble making him sweeper, because he always had played forward or in midfield but if you're not willing to take risks as a coach, then you might as well

forget it. I saw in our small games at training how Bertie always dropped back to protect his goal. That was unusual for a forward and that was the first thing that started me thinking about his new position.

"Billy Rogers is the type of midfielder that I like. He is one of the most underrated players in Australia but he is one of the most gallant fighters. He is a man with 10 hearts.

"Alan Davidson has become more mature and he has phenomenal confidence. I think he would walk up to Franz Beckenbauer and say: 'Who are you? I'm the king.' He goes up against the best forwards — Ken Boden, Gary Cole, Mark Janjovics — and he says: 'Don't worry John, I'll do 'em'. He talks like that because he believes in his ability and he's got some ability, I tell you! LAURIE SCHWAB

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Bill Fleming Medal winner Jimmy Dunne (right) is congratulated by teammate Billy Vojtek (centre), a previous winner, and Bobby McLachlan, their coach at Ajax. Pictures by STEVE CHATZIS.

Dunne wins a ticket to the PSL?

Jimmy Dunne, winner of the 1980 Bill Fleming Medal, hopes to play in the Philips League next year.

He said he hoped the medal improved his chances of stepping into the PSL and developing his career in Australia.

Dunne is only the second Green Gully Ajax player to win a major best player award. Roy Collins was named best player of the First Division in 1976 when Ajax was still in the Metropolitan League.

Dunne, 32, played against Footscray J.U.S.T. in his first game in Australia but played sweeper for the rest of the season.

His calm, constructive play out of defence enabled Ajax to finish in third place — its highest placing in the State League.

Dunne started with Melbourne in Ireland before joining Millwall in 1966. He then spent three seasons with Torquay before transferring to Fulham in 1970. He helped Fulham win promotion to the English Second Division before making way for Bobby Moore who joined from West Ham.

He went back to Torquay in April, 1976. During his 13 years in English league football, he totted up 386 appearances.

He also played two international games for Eire in 1971.

Dunne demonstrated his sportsmanship in helping to coach junior teams at Ajax.

In accepting the Bill Fleming Medal, Dunne thanked Ajax coach Bobby McLachlan for

bringing him to Australia and the Ajax club for giving him the opportunity to play soccer here.

He now will knuckle down to the task of leading Ajax in the State League top four series and the new Victoria Cup.

Runner-up in the voting was Juventus forward Bobby McGuinness, top State League scorer of 1980. Third was Croatia defender Steve Kokoska. Both are leading candidates for the Rothmans Medal, especially since Dunne is ineligible for that award as he has been sent off this season.

The Rothmans Medal, decided on referees' votes, will be presented at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday.

The Bill Fleming Medal is decided on the votes of a panel of soccer writers — members of the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) which organised the Press awards last week.

Dunne's name now joins an impressive list of previous winners:

1971: Jim Pyrgos (Hellas); '72: John Gardiner (George Cross); '73: Frank Micic (JUST); '74: Jim Armstrong (Hellas); '75: Billy Vojtek (Juventus); '76: Jim Tansey (Slavia); '77: Mick Watkins (Juventus); '78: Tommy Cumming (Croatia); '79: Tommy Cumming (Croatia).



Top placegetters in the Bill Fleming Medal voting, from left: Steve Kokoska of Croatia (third), Bobby McGuinness of Juventus (second) and the winner, Jimmy Dunne.

Beranic the best

Dane Beranic made it a double for Ajax when he won the Michael Weinstein Medal as Victoria's 1980 junior Player of the Year.

Beranic was named the winner shortly after Jimmy Dunne had collected the Bill Fleming Medal as senior player of the year.

Beranic joined Ajax when he was nine and captained the Victorian under 16 team this year. He also represented the State at under 14 and under 15 levels.

Criteria for the award, named after VSF chairman Michael Weinstein are:

• The winner must be in his last year of junior soccer (under 16);

• He must have given consistent service to his club, showing enthusiasm, leadership and the potential to represent State and country.

The award includes a \$100 scholarship. It is decided on votes by the coach of the Victorian under 16 team, the manager and the VSF secretary.

The award is in its fifth year. Previous winners:

1976: Colin Allison (Melbourne); 1977: Alex Rivero (Box Hill); 1978: Robert Traficante (Essendon City); 1979: Greg McLeod (Box Hill).

BIG CHALLENGE IN NEXT TWO YEARS

The next two years are perhaps the most vital in Australian soccer history, ASF president Sir Arthur George said at the Victorian Press awards last week.

"The next two years represent a series of challenges we may not have the opportunity to meet again," Sir Arthur told the gathering of about 200 at the Vineyard Restaurant in St. Kilda.

He said 1981 would determine whether our soccer improvement matches the improvement in Asia and Oceania and whether we are good enough to qualify for the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

He added 1981 would determine whether all factions in soccer had the ability to pull together to ensure that the Coca-Cola world youth championships do credit not only to our soccer but to Australia as a nation.

"The challenge facing the administrators is to accept that the PSL has improved the standard of the game and should be promoted as the flagship of soccer, and that the State competitions and the PSL should live together and work together in harmony. If they don't achieve this they won't be doing much for the game," Sir Arthur said.

"Our next challenge is finally to produce a national team made up entirely of players who learned or developed their soccer in Australia. From among the thousands of boys in this country we must push those with the talent into the national team and eliminate those who did not develop their soccer here, if for no other reason than because that's what is expected out there in the marketplace."

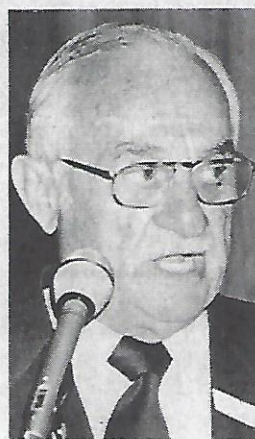
Sir Arthur added the next two years would show also whether the Federations had the ability to exploit soccer commercially, aided by popularisation of the game through TV exposure.

On TV, he said: "I have been assured that although the prime programming will come from the new 0 network, commercial stations will be associated in every State and regional capital, showing soccer perhaps not at the same time but in the same weekly spans."

"These challenges will be met only if the administrators, the clubs and the media co-operate to build the image of the sport."

"At the moment, the image of soccer is one of divisiveness."

"Whether that image is right or wrong is immaterial. If the man you're trying to do business with thinks you're a bastard, it doesn't matter if you are or not."



Sir Arthur George

"The sportswriters' contribution can be to stress the positive rather than the negative."

"We the administrators give our time free of charge to try to develop and promote the game. The sportswriters, even if they love the game, also make their living from it."

"I am used to charges that the ASF is a collection of nincompoops. When you're at the top you cannot pass the buck. But it is easy to sit and formulate ideas and push them without having to take the responsibilities or the knocks. Those who think they have all the answers should come along and join the administration. We'd be glad to give you a job."



Rudi Gutendorf

Melbourne tops says Gutendorf

Melbourne is the No.1 soccer city in Australia.

So said national coach Rudi Gutendorf at the Victorian Press awards.

"The main reason is that you have for soccer an extraordinary stadium, so much better than the Sydney Cricket Ground where you cannot get a soccer atmosphere," he said.

"VSF chairman Michael Weinstein, secretary George Wallace and the sportswriters are very kind to us in Melbourne."

"Also, the national team never has lost a game here since I have been coach."

"We played our best games here this year — an excellent 2-2 draw with the then European champion Czechoslovakia and a 1-1 draw with the British champion, Northern Ireland, always with the team made up 50 per cent of Victorian players."

"Also, our second half against Mexico here was the best soccer we have played."

"And last but not least, I am very happy with the great talents that have developed here in this city — Selemidis, Davidson, Christopoulos who were in the youth team two years ago, and Little, Crino, Blair and others who will play in the world youth championships next year."

Close Rothmans count on Friday

The Victorian Rothmans Medal count at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday night is expected to be the closest on record.

Unlike past years, there is no clear cut favorite.

Some of the candidates are pictured on these pages.

The Rothmans Medal, decided on referees' votes, took over from the Argus Medal in 1971.

Past winners:

ARGUS MEDAL

1954 M. Payne (South Yarra).

1955 M. Busidoni (Juventus).

1956 R. Wemyss (Polonia) tied with P. Cubero (JUST).

1957 J. McLeod (Box Hill).

1958 J. Westerveld (Wilhelmina).

1959 A. Drennan (Box Hill).

1960 W. Janczyk (Polonia).

1961 F. Falzon (George Cross).

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1963 J. Sanchez (Slavia).

1964 F. Micic (JUST).

1965 G. Scott (Juventus).

1966 P. Aldis (Wilhelmina).

1967 F. Micic (JUST).

1968 J. Rooney (Lions).

1969 J. O'Neill (Hakoah).

1970 D. Pygall (Wilhelmina).

ROTHMANS MEDAL

1971 J. Gardiner (George Cross).

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1973 V. Bannon (Heidelberg Utd).

1974 P. Bannon (Heidelberg Utd).

1975 D. Baker (Hakoah).

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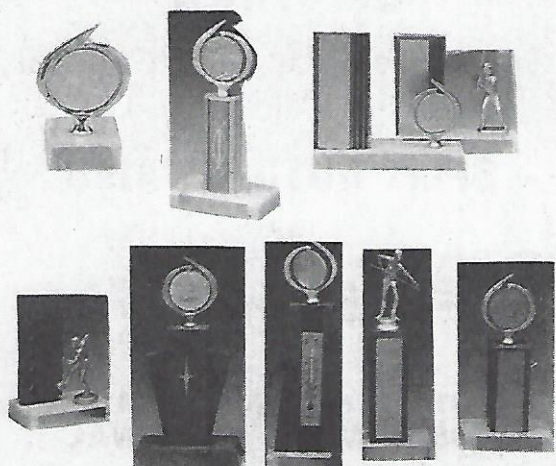
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Adelaide City	7	3	3	20	10	6	1	6	20	17	40:27	30
Newcastle KB	7	3	3	14	12	5	3	5	18	19	32:31	30
Brisbane Lions	5	4	4	13	14	2	7	4	15	19	28:32	25
APIA-L'hardy	6	5	2	15	14	2	2	9	12	21	27:35	23
Footscray JUST	6	1	6	20	21	1	8	4	12	20	32:41	23
Canberra City	3	4	6	16	19	4	3	6	17	13	34:33	21
Blacktown City	7	2	4	25	16	2	1	10	9	40	34:55	21
Brisbane City	4	4	3	16	9	0	6	9	13	27	29:36	18
West Adelaide	6	2	5	12	15	1	1	11	12	31	24:46	17
St George BSC	3	2	8	18	34	2	2	9	15	33	33:66	14

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

BOLAND (5)
(Footsc)

ONTONG (6) HERMISTON (12) BERTOOGNA (4) CANT (2)
(Brisb L.) (Brisb L.) (Newc) (Marc)

ROGERS (3) CUMMINGS (2) RASKOPOULOS (1)
(Sth Melb) (Sth Melb) (Marc)

JANKOVICS (6) BODEN (7) MANECAS (2)
(Marc) (Syd C.) (W. Adel)



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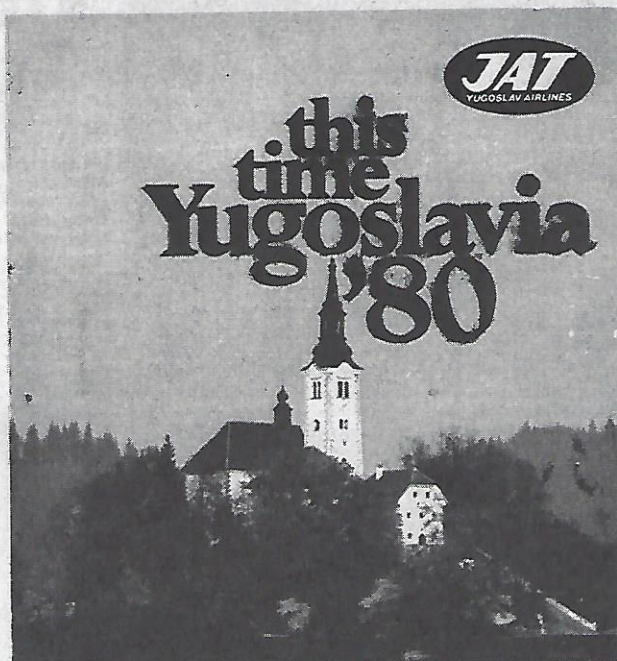
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HEIDELBERG UTD 1 BRISBANE LIONS 0 at
Olympic Park No. 2. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 8 - McMillan 8, P. Bannon 7,
Provan 6, Tansey 7 - Rooney 5, Campbell 7, Solemidis
8 - Boziskas 6, Paton 7, Cole 6.

LIONS: Scanlon 9 - Ontong 9, Hermiston 9, Ben-
nett 8, Niven 7 - Hogg 6, Burns 6, Wilson 8 - Millman
6, Daunt 6 (Verwoij 6 half time), McNaughton 7.

BRISBANE CITY 1 CANBERRA 1 at Perry Park.

Ratings by Bruce Waddell:

BRISBANE CITY - Coe 9, Perry 8, Ratcliffe 8,
Potter 7, Wilkinson 7, Gaffney 8, Pimblett 7, Ham-
ilton 6, Palinkas 5, Kewles 6 (Low 72nd), Connor 7.

CANBERRA CITY - Wilson 9, Moulis 6 (R. O'Shea
7 39th), Stark 7, Milovanovic 7, M. O'Shea 7, Cole 7,
Farrell 6, J. O'Shea 7, Byrne 6, Valeri 6, McLaren 9.

SYDNEY CITY 4 ST. GEORGE 1 at Sydney Athletic
Ground. Ratings by Tom Anderson.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Souness 7, Bruce 7, O'-
Connor 7, Gomez 7, Watson 8, Stevenson 8, Spanos
8, Silva 7 (Sub Borgea (69th), Trenter 8, Boden 9.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 7, McIntosh 6, Terry 6,
Hadley 6, Russell 7, Stone 9, Katholos 8, Barton 6
(Sub Beggs 69), Duarte 6, Griffiths 8, Kay 8.

BLACKTOWN 1 ADELAIDE CITY 2 at Gattie Sta-
dium. Ratings by Ted Smithies:

BLACKTOWN CITY: James 8, Pollard 6, (Resemua-
son 82) Turnbull 7, Selvaig 7, Pointer 7, Hormazabal
7, (injured 61 Ortega), O'Donnell 6, Stowell 7, Wilkin-
son 6, Landon 7, Hunter 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Dods 7, (injured 47
Mitchell 7), Jones 7, Russell 6, B. Nyskohus 6, Barnes
7, Muniz 8, Northcote 7, Marocchi 7, J. Nyskohus 7,
Metta 6.

WEST ADELAIDE 0 MARCONI 1 at Hindmarsh.
Ratings by Meno Toustidde.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 9 - Tymczyszyn 8, Topaz
7, Forde 7, Bozanic 7 - McGregor 7, Norris 6 (Carru-

thers) McGachey 7, Kosmina 7, Honeyman 8,
Manecas 9.

MARCONI: Maher 8 - Brogan 7, Praskalo 7, Muir 7,
Cent 8 - Henderson 8, Raskopoulos 9, Byrne 7 -
Sharne 7, Jankovics 9, Krnoevic 7 (Marlan 7).

APIA LEICHHARDT 0 FOOTSCRAY JUST 0 at
Lambert Park. Ratings by Roger Sherack.

APIA - LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 8, Skallern 6,
McGinn 7, Watt 6, Dempsey 8, Harding 5, Morsello 9,
McAusland 6, Coyne 6 (Gray 80), Pirie 6, O'Connor 6.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 9, Hazavbent 6, Kondarios 7,
Rujovic 7, Kyriakoulas 6, Picloane 6 (Petro 78),
Ilioski 8, Jovanovic 8, Belic 7, Vesic 6, Lujic 7.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 NEWCASTLE
KB UTD 0 at Middle Park. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HELLAS: Laumeta 6 - V. Bannon 8, Lutton 8, Blair 8
(Kakantonis 5, half time), Davidson 6 - Rogers 9, Xan-
thopoulos 8, Wright 6 - Cummings 9, Evans 6, Bulje-
vic 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 6 - Reaney 7, Drinkwater 8,
Bertogna 9, Curran 7 - Senkalski 8, McClelland 6
(Snaddon 80th), P. Tredinnick 8 - Heys 7, Burrows 8,
Jones 6.

Loading ratings after the final round (a more com-
prehensive list will appear next week):

8.3 Hermiston (BL)

8.0 V. Bannon (SM), Watson (SC), Crook (WA).

7.9 Milovanovic (Can), Boland (Foots), Reaney
(Newc), Barnes (SC).

7.8 Ratcliffe (SC), Bennett, Ontong (BL), Tansey, J.
Campbell (H'berg), Maher (Marc), Boden (SC).

7.7 Perry (BC), D. Cole (Can), McMillan, Yzendoorn
(H'berg), Lutton (SM).

7.6 Jones, Muniz (AC), P. Bannon, Rooney, Paton
(H'berg), Xanthopoulos, G. Campbell (SM).

7.5 Dods (AC), P. Wilson (APIA), Potter (BC),
Niven (BL), Kondarios (Foots), G. Cole (H'berg),
Drinkwater, Bertogna (Newc), S. O'Connor, Steven-

son (SC).

Let the presidents play in summer!



RALE RASIC

It was said in the introduction to the summer soccer proposal that if Bjorn Borg and Dennis Lillee can play their sports in temperatures of 35 deg C., there's no reason why we can't play soccer in that sort of weather.

I wonder if the administrators responsible for the proposal have ever kicked a soccer ball.

Matters like this should be referred first to professional coaches and to the players for a thorough study before a decision is made.

Are we expecting better performances in hotter weather from players who already are accused of playing sub-standard soccer and of being not fit enough?

I remember playing Ampol Cup soccer in the heat of summer. Sometimes we'd play in the afternoon, especially in the case of double-headers, and we'd need a squad of boys just to keep rushing water and ice packs to the touch-line so we wouldn't boil away.

I am surprised that the club presidents are patting each other on the back over the summer soccer decision, without even having commissioned a feasibility study. If they're not careful, the presidents may have to play these summer games themselves.

Some clubs don't even have ground facilities in the summer, and the spectators have other interests at that time of the year — the beach and holidays or day trips with the family.

Soccer may encroach into summer to a certain extent in the U.S. but the weather is not as severe there, and the Americans play, slow possession soccer which is more suited to hot weather than our predominantly British style.

Our football is played in a fairly rugged manner, and it is characterised by the sliding tackle. Yet the grounds become very hard in the summer meaning it is dangerous enough falling down, let alone tackling.

The average British player who dominates Australian soccer, cannot cope with hot weather. Dixie Deans, Adrian Alston, Peter Ollerton, Mike Denton, Willie Hamilton and Gary Cole are some of the British style players I have been associated with who cannot function properly in the heat.

And let's not forget that the players have to train in the hot months, not just play matches. The proposal that there be a two or three week break for the Christmas period is of course sensible planning, but it will still be necessary for the players to train during that period.

In December, most people eat richer food than they do at any other time of the year and they drink more fluids, so training is absolutely essential, not only to counteract the effects of the festivities but also to prepare for the resumption of the league.

Bjorn Borg may be able to play five sets in 35 deg. but he exerts himself only about five or 10 seconds at a time, and then is still for at least an equal period. Such is the nature of tennis. Between games he can have a drink or pour water over his head.

Dennis Lillee bowls for an over, and then he can go have a shower if he wants to. But the soccer player is continuously involved in play all over the field.

If we switch to summer soccer, players like Ivo Prskalo, Jimmy Rooney, Roberto Vieri and others who are near the end of their careers would be expected to function in such conditions for the first time in their lives. They would find it impossible.

We must have the only major league in the world where periodical medical check-ups are not compulsory, meaning our players face an even greater risk. If a tragedy occurs I wonder who will be blamed.

Big, strongly-built players will find the summer conditions impossible, smaller, nippy players like John Nyskohus, Agenor Muniz or Alan Davidson who have the skill to push the ball around, are a little better suited but they too will find it difficult.

I respect the ASF marketing people for what they are doing to help popularise and "sell" soccer in Australia but it is not their business to involve themselves in this area.

They do not have the expertise or experience.

Did they, for example, consider how much it will cost for teams to stay overnight after twilight or evening matches, and reimburse players for time off work the following day?

Many of the matches will have to be double-headers because of a shortage of grounds with floodlights, yet double-headers never have proved financially adequate.

I congratulate John Margaritis of South Melbourne Hellas on having won the Victorian Footballers of the Year award. I trust he also will win the national award, for he certainly is my choice.

Margaritis has lifted Hellas out of the dol-

drums in which it found itself last year, back to where it belongs, among the greatest clubs in Australia.

Under Margaritis, Hellas has had only one decisive loss this season — against Footscray 3-0.

The other few defeats have been narrow ones.

Margaritis rejuvenated Bertie Lutton who was on the outer last year, and developed him into an excellent sweeper. He recognised the talents of young Steve Blair, and Vince Bannan who had drifted out into the Metropolitan League. He inspired Arthur Xanthopoulos, who had been out through injury for a year, to come back better than ever, he showed shrewd judgement in buying Branko Buljevic even though some critics thought Buljevic was on the way out.

He blended his players well, he provided the team with stability and continuity. He made the players believe in themselves.

What Hellas should do now to capitalise on all the good work is to offer Margaritis a long-term contract of at least five years. He can do a lot more yet.

Congratulations, John.

In regard to the letter to the editor about me in last week's edition, let me assure Marconi that in the article to which the letter referred, I was expressing my feeling about one particular fan who behaved abominably in the crowd. He is the one I called an animal. I did not refer to Marconi fans in general. To me Marconi remains one of the best, if not the best club in Australia, and its supporters on the whole are very fine people.



Parliamentarian Bon Thomas (seated, centre) at the official opening of Albion Rovers' licensed clubrooms. Other pictured: Albion president Russell Wilson (standing, left), secretary, Alex McArthur (standing, right), Sunshine City president Tom Reid (seated, left), Albion vice-president Dave Berry (right).

Rovers greet the Rovers

A link has been established between the Albion Rovers Clubs of Melbourne and Lanarkshire near Glasgow.

Bernie Waslin of the Melbourne Club made contact with the Scottish Rovers and was thrilled to get copies of their match programme and a supporters' scarf. A team picture is on the way as well.

Bernie now will reciprocate. He also will

forward copies of "Soccer Action" to keep the Scots up to date on the Australian game.

A large crowd of Albion Rovers supporters was at the Selwyn Park club rooms for the official opening of their licensed clubrooms. Albion is the first Victorian soccer club to be granted a full liquor licence.

Guests of honour were parliamentarian Bon Thomas M.L.C., and Tom Reid of the Sunshine City Soccer Club.

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other two seasons — second in 1978 and third in 1979. It also won the first two top four series, in 1978 and 1979.

No wonder, since Sydney City has probably the soundest administration in the league and the greatest stability. Kevin Mullen, Murray Barnes, Steve O'Connor, John Stevenson, Hilton Silva, Joe Watson and Terry Smith have been there since before the PSL started.

Instead of recruiting in bulk, Sydney City prefers to be selective in quality ahead of quantity, as it demonstrated in buying Ken Boden from Newcastle during the off-season.

While praising Sydney City as the team most deserving of the 1980 title, national coach Rudi Gutendorf said after the game against St. George: "Ken Boden was the dominant influence in this game. Had he been on the other side, St. George would have won."

John Spanos, blossomed from a youth star into a solid senior player during the season and will be even better next year.

The following is our interview with Jim Hermiston just after he had won the JAT award last Sunday.

Congratulations on being voted the player of the year.

I'm delighted to win this award, and thank "Soccer Action" and the sponsor, JAT. The holiday in Europe will be great but it also means a boost for Lions and Queensland soccer in general.

How do you rate your 1980 season?

This was my best year in the PSL. I've been in Australia four years now but 1980 was most satisfying from a personal point of view.

Any reason for that?

Extra fitness has made the difference in 1980, but that's not to say I lacked fitness in previous years. At the start of

1980, I joined the Queensland Police Force as a physical education teacher. That sometimes involves doing 600 sit-ups and push-ups a day. Being constantly involved in physical training has increased my fitness, which helps my game.

Before joining the Police Force, I was employed full-time by Lions as a director of junior coaching.

Are you enjoying soccer in the PSL?

I get tremendous pleasure out of training and playing football, whether it be in Scotland or Australia. However, playing is virtually a hobby now. There's no pressure and so I can go out and show my skills.

However, that's not to say I don't take my game seriously. I still get keyed up for a match, and put everything in for my team.

When I played as a professional in Scotland, there was pressure on and off the field. As Australia doesn't have professionalism, the pressure is not so great.

How old are you, Jim, and how many years will you continue playing?

I turned 33 yesterday (Tuesday 30 September). I have a year to run on my contract with Lions, and will play for a year after that. I think I can play successfully until the end of 1982 but then I will retire and concentrate on coaching.

You play sweeper for Lions. Have you played most of your career in this position?

No, I played mainly as a left back for Aberdeen during my 10 years with the club. During that time I made over 300 appearances.

You were involved in Scotland's 1974 World Cup squad?

I was selected in a group of 40 but missed out when the final 22 was selected. I never, in fact, played a full international for Scotland and that is the major disappointment of my career.

You once said that play-

ing for Australia was an ambition.

I would love to represent Australia but I have been told I'm ineligible. I played for Scotland's under-23 team, and for the Scottish League.

The authorities ruled that I can't play for Australia because I've represented Scotland. I have to accept that decision but I don't think a player has truly represented his country unless he's played a full international.

It must be frustrating for you.

It is frustrating, because in my sole under 23 appearance I was injured early and had to be substituted at half time. I wore the Scotland jersey for 45 minutes, and that rules me out of the Australian national team. The match, incidentally, was against Wales in Wales.

You obviously enjoy the physical involvement of soccer.

I'll admit that I'm a fitness fanatic. Ever since I was a lad, I've enjoyed training and being fit. During the close season, I do a lot of cross-country running, which I find relaxing.

1980 must have been a disappointing season for Lions.

Missing the top four is a big disappointment, because we thought it would be our year. Without making excuses, I think we were unlucky to draw so many games. Lions had a run of six or seven draws on end and it hurts to think about all the missed chances in those games. Those dropped points made the difference.

What do you think of the top three teams in the competition?

South Melbourne is a workman-like team, with a few outstanding players. Heidelberg didn't impress me today, but who can fault their style? They scored a goal, and then sat on the lead. Winning is the name of the game.

Sydney City has many class players. I'd rate Ken Boden as the most dangerous forward in Australia. Gary Cole is fast and strong, but it's easier to read Cole's game than it is Boden's. Kenny is always derving in and out, and is very hard to pick up.

READERS' FORUM

SIR, I have recently discovered the "Readers Forum" and would like the opportunity to complain against unfair criticism aimed at the Moonee Ponds Soccer Club by your Spanish reporter, Oscar Perea. After the game against West Melbourne in which Moonee Ponds lost 3-1, the team was described as "a pack of butchers" without any ability to play soccer. This is in contrast with the team's first encounter in which Moonee Ponds was described as a "good and fast team".

To what does Mr Perea attribute this schizophrenia? Is it that he delegates his reporting to a group of dummies

who cannot see past their noses? It is irresponsible reporting such as this which preserves the animosity between rival ethnic clubs. Soccer would be better served if Mr Perea could use his column intelligently. Then, judging from Mr Perea's Column, intelligence would not be one of his attributes.

I suggest Mr Perea, that if you are going to hide behind the skirt of a foreign language, then you should confine your comments to the way the teams you support play. I pray you publish this letter in fairness to the Moonee Ponds S.C. — JOHN SCOTO Treasurer Moonee Ponds S.C.

George Cross awards night

George Cross will hold its presentation night on Monday, 3 November at the club's headquarters 233 Albion Street, West Brunswick, from 7.30 pm to 1.30 am.

A band and floor show will highlight the night and best players from the club's senior reserve and under 19 sides will be presented with trophies.

Tickets are \$16 a single for members and \$20 for non-members. Further details can be obtained from Charlie Casar 366 6488 or Fred Zahra 311 7820.

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Ground: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 8000.
Cautions: McClelland, Jones (New).

Referee: Peter Ramplay 10.
Some Melbourne Hellas needed more fighters like Billy Rogers and Duncan Cummings to get past the well-organised Newcastle defence and midfield.

Some of the Hellas players complained afterwards that Newcastle had played defensively. Rubbish. Newcastle simply applied the basic rule of getting behind the ball and picking up men quickly when it lost possession. And it did so expertly.

I was amazed to see natural attackers like Joe Senkalski and Peter Tredinnick doing that job so well.

And Newcastle's centre-back partnership of Arno Bertogna and Roy Drinkwater must rate as one of the most efficient in the league.

Bertogna is getting better and better and probably will be used as stopper on the Soccer-ros' world tour.

Bertogna has added thoughtfulness and a much improved ball distribution to the other qualities which brought him into prominence — aerial dominance, great strength and speed.

Paul Burrows also impressed me. He always managed to get to the ball ahead of his marker and laid it off quite well. Graham Heys skinned Alan Davidson a few times but didn't really get anything done. Davidson had a brilliant game but that's understandable since it's only his second week back after missing seven games in injury.

Neither goalkeeper had anything to do in this game. Newcastle did not attack much because Hellas had the ball most of the time. Hellas failed to get any shots in because most of the time they weren't willing to fight as hard as Rogers and Cummings did.

Nevertheless, Hellas should be proud of its effort in finishing third after ending the 1979 season in last place.

Newcastle's improved form in the latter part of the season coincided with the stability regained when coach Alan Vest decided to sign a new contract, after having seriously considered a move to Wollongong City. Newcastle was beaten only once in its last 10 games, and with the recruits lined up for next season, it may turn into a challenger for the championship.

Hellas needed goals on Sunday to overtake Heidelberg United and gain the double chance in the top four series.

But Hellas could fine no way past Bertogna, Drinkwater and no-nonsense full backs Paul Reaney and Col Curran.

Although Newcastle could not exert the same continuous pressure as Hellas, it did manage counter-attacks and in the last few minutes Senkalski hit the cross bar.

Rogers threatened Newcastle twice with headers early in the game.

And Davidson launched a blistering shot which hit the post with Phil Dando diving desperately.

David Jones got past Vince Bannan in a breakaway and crossed quickly to Burrows who tumbled and fell while heading the ball towards goal.

Heys shot away in another Newcastle break and crossed short to Malcolm McClelland who hooked the ball over the bar from only five metres.

To add more punch to his attack Hellas coach John Margaritis replaced centre half back Steve Blair with forward Steve Kakantonis at half time.

But it made little difference as Newcastle continued to defend men quickly behind the ball and making Hellas play either square or back.

Kakantonis had one clear-cut scoring chance when he found himself unmarked at the end of a long cross from Bannan. But Kakantonis hesitated and wasted the chance.



Bitter blow to West

WEST ADELAIDE 0
MARCONI 1

Score: Sharnie 52nd min.
Ground: Olympic Park No. 2.
Crowd: 3,504.
Weather: Warm.
Referee: Ken Allen (Canberra).

West Adelaide, which began the season with ambitious plans, finished its fourth PSL season in the relegation zone after a 1-0 loss to Marconi.

West's 17 points were one less than Brisbane City which avoided the drop after a 1-1 draw with Canberra City.

The loss was a bitter blow to West which looked capable of upsetting Marconi in the first half.

Indeed, West's fans gave the team a standing ovation at half time.

Peter Sharnie's goal in the 52nd minute came at a bad time for West.

It was attempting to set up a pattern of play. Mark Jankovics flicked a ball to Sharnie who scored a soft goal from close range.

Earlier, West ran at Marconi's defence with great enthusiasm and determination.

Manecas, having one of his best games of the season, caused Marconi plenty of problems with his elusive runs and topped off his display with a sparkling 25-metre drive which Alan Maher parried.

Graham Honeyman, Graham Norris and Jez Bozanic fired shots which kept Maher alert.

John Kosmina also looked good but failed to capitalise on a great through ball midway through the half.

The former Soccerro looked set to shoot, but found two defenders on his heels when he hesitated.

Meanwhile, Mark Jankovics lived up to his reputation of failing to take advantage of chances.

He missed his first opportunity in the opening minutes and then saw goalkeeper Martyn Crook, again in brilliant form, make two superb saves.

On one occasion he pounced onto the ball with Jankovics ready to shoot and later he brilliantly palmed a good, powerful shot for a corner after the Marconi speedster raced past Tom Forde.

In the second half, Marconi could have wrapped up the game once it went ahead.

West, obviously depressed, disintegrated for a period but regained its composure.

Manecas signalled West's revival with a good shot from inside the penalty area after nicely controlling an awkward ball, and later Kosmina fired a 25-metre thunderbolt straight at Maher who held it after two grabs.

Marconi chief Les Schienfeld took off his star forward Eddie Kravcic at half time and replaced him with Bertie Mareiani. It was a strange move because although Kravcic was not at his best, he did cause West plenty of concern with his aerial domination.

Explaining his side's indifferent first half, Schienfeld said: "I lacked discipline" but was happy with its second half.

Birch was obviously disappointed with the result but added: "I couldn't possibly be disappointed with the lads. They played well and fought all the way. It was very pleasing."

Mallacoota

This weekend's annual country round robin tournament, the Mallacoota Cup, has again attracted a widespread field of entries, with three Metropolitan Division Four clubs attempting to give that Melbourne League its first ever success in the competition.

Sandringham and Nunawading have both qualified for the final in past tournaments at Mallacoota but were edged out on penalties on both occasions.

Moorabbin City now joins them to see if it might be able to break the virtual stranglehold that NSW enters have had on the cup since the inaugural competition in 1972.

Three leading Sydney All Age teams, this year's Griffiths District champions, and a Wollongong Division One club appear to give NSW further



Battle weary Bergers

HEIDELBERG 1
BRISBANE LIONS 0

Score: Campbell 15th min.
Ground: Olympic Park No. 2.
Crowd: 3,504.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
Cautions: Nil.
Weather: Fine and sunny.

Is the grid of nearly nine months competitive soccer without tangible reward starting to affect Heidelberg Utd?

That's the obvious question after Heidelberg's unimpressive 1-0 win over Brisbane Lions.

Why else would a team with an outside chance of taking off the PSL championship play with so little spark or enterprise?

First the Ampol Cup, and now the PSL title have slipped through the Bergers' fingers. These disappointments, combined with the strain of a long season, will test the players' fitness and the Phillips Cup final and Top Four series.

Heidelberg 'fell in' against Lions. The Brisbane team had the chances to at least draw level, but poor finishing meant Heidelberg's 15th minute lead remained intact.

That goal — a 25-metre special from Jim Campbell — was a rare moment of Heidelberg flash.

It was Lions — mainly in the second half — which played constructive soccer, and showed determination and skill.

Fatigue may have contributed to Heidelberg's overall sub-standard (by Len McKendry's levels) performance, but in the main it was the failure of key players which caused the problem.

For a start, John Yzenoorn was out with injury. His replacement Bob Provan was an effective stopper, but Yzenoorn's accurate passing out of defence and adventurous runs forward were sadly missed.

Jimmy Rooney played perhaps his worst game for many weeks. A knock on a knee midway through the game may have hindered him.

Gary Cole looked out of touch, as many times he failed to control the ball cleanly. I can recall only two occasions when he even looked like scoring.

Jim Tansey was subdued at left back. He concentrated on defence and rarely ventured up the flank as he usually does.

And sweeper Pat Bannan, who was constantly pushing forward with great effect in the first 20 minutes, faded after his bright start.

It was left to Campbell, Theo Selemidis and Arthur McMillan to keep Heidelberg mobile.

The Bergers were fortunate that Lions had no effective forwards, and lacked positive ideas in front of goal.

However, Stephen Hogg, Ken McNaughton and Graham Wilson have no excuses for not getting shots on target with only goalkeeper Jeff Oliver to beat.

The players of the match were Lions' defenders Paul Ontong and Jim Hermiston.

Ontong's nippy speed and gritty determination make him an extremely valuable backman, and an exciting attacker.

Hermiston is a joy to watch. Everything he does is with a minimum of fuss. He rarely attempts spectacular stunts, but his neat first-time passes and composure under pressure are testimony to the man's skill.

Not only was he stopping Heidelberg's attacks, he joined in Lions' forward thrusts at every opportunity, and it wasn't because of his prompting that Lions' moves so often broke down in front of goal.

Heidelberg's goal was a gem. Bannan initiated the move by carrying the ball forward.

He played a pass into Andy Bozikas, who turned it square towards Gary Cole. Cole dumbed the ball, leaving stranded two Lions defenders.

Campbell ran onto the ball, and fired a bullet-like shot into the top corner past the diving Tony Scanlon.

In the final analysis, Lions weren't good enough to convert pressure into goals; Heidelberg was too shrewd and or-



Blacktown outclassed

BLACKTOWN CITY 1
ADELAIDE CITY 2

Ground: Gabbie Stadium.
Attendance: 2248.
Referee: J. Reeves, 7.
Goals: 1. Hunter 16', 5. Pollard 80', 8. Barnes 74'.
Yellow Cards: Pollard 29', Turnbull 78', Marocchi 28', Dods 38'.

Despite being behind for 75 percent of the match Adelaide City proved to have too much class for the Blacktown Demons and took the points home to Adelaide.

The overall was a scrappy affair although it was clearly played with plenty of zest.

Adelaide City opened the match in bright fashion and was easily the best team for the first 15 minutes. During this time Blacktown rarely crossed the half way line and when it did it was usually from a long clearance from keeper James.

Disaster however struck for Adelaide when the talented Ian Hunter was given a little too much room. He received the ball a few metres inside Adelaide's territory and in a flash was streaking away down the right flank with Adelaide players in despairing pursuit.

When 30 metres from goal, Hunter unleashed a powerful drive which gave Peter Marshall no chance, and Demons led 1-0.

Adelaide looked set to equalise in the 32nd minute when Bobby Russell floated a beautiful cross to Brian Northcote on the far post. Northcote had ample time and only the keeper to beat but somehow, to the relief of the staunch Demons supporters, the ball went wide.

The Demons were not put off by this close call and only minutes later Stuart Selvaige found the net with a long range shot. It caught everyone by surprise, but unfortunately for the Demons this included nearly all their front men who were metres offside.

Bruce James saved the Demons in the 42nd minute when City's Colin Barnes received the ball off a well placed Muniz corner. Barnes did everything right but was denied by James in what was easily the best save of the match.

After the break the match degenerated in terms of soccer skills displayed, with the challengers becoming more spiteful.

Glen Dods was carried off with a broken collar bone in the 47th minute and only 10 minutes later Ricci Hormazabal and Brian Northcote ended in a tangle of legs and arms. Hormazabal staggered from the field, also with a broken collar bone and both he and Dods left in the same ambulance.

It was 1-1 in the 74th minute when Barnes headed in off a rebound from a save by Bruce James. Northcote was unlucky not to score on this occasion for his shot was right on target and James was fully extended in making the save.

Only six minutes later Adelaide City got the winning goal by courtesy of Steve Pollard who tried to head clear a shot which was heading for goal but could only succeed in putting the ball into his own net.

From then on it was all Adelaide City as the heart went out of the Demons.

For the Demons, Bruce James and Ian Hunter had strong games with Stuart Selvaige giving his usual 150 percent, while for the victors Agenor Muniz showed all his skills to repeatedly dazzle the opposition.

In the end it was a fair result.



Boland blots out APIA

APIA 0
J.U.S.T. 0

Ground: Lambert Park.
Attendance: 3519.
Referee: Visin, 10.
Yellow cards: Hazabent.

APIA-Leichhardt and J.U.S.T. fought out a tense but entertaining duel at Lambert Park and managed to create close to a dozen chances but failed miserably in front of goal.

In fact, most of the credit must be given to the two keepers, Dennis Boland of Footscray JUST and Greg Woodhouse of Leichhardt.

Boland played yet again, the major part in his team's defence to blot out some great drives from short range and keep Leichhardt at bay. He has been the most consistent keeper in Australia this season and has proven his ability between the posts and in the penalty area.

I am aware of the fact that in the national team one could only have two keepers, but surely, Boland must be given a chance after such consistent games in 1980.

Greg Woodhouse at the other end had little less to do but he did it in great style. Twice he was off his line to stop Footscray raids diving at the feet of an opponent to block the shot and on a couple of occasions he was panther-like diving to his right to tap the ball around the post from some great shots by Footscray's attack.

But with all their great work in goal, both keepers should have been beaten.

In the first half Boland made a brilliant save from O'Connor early in the piece, the Woodhouse made two great stops from Vasic, then Piccone. But surely Vasic had to score when faced with Woodhouse in the 36th minute.

At the other end Leichhardt stormed toward Boland's goal in the 45th minute to create no less than three chances in the space of one minute.

O'Connor muffed his volley to fire past the post, two seconds later John Cyme made a mess of it by delaying his shot, which in the end was parried by Boland. With seconds remaining, Jim Dempsey, playing in his farewell game for Leichhardt, came in at the far post to elude Footscray's cover, but his shot from close range at an acute angle went wide.

Leichhardt was clearly the better team in the second half. How it managed to play constructive soccer on this pitch which resembled more of a cow paddock is beyond me. Dods it did in fine fashion too.

Led by Tony Morsello, Leichhardt created some great chances, but alas, not even Bill Pirie could put one past Boland, and that was from seven metres out with Boland well beaten. Pirie latched onto a pass from Coyne to screw the ball wide of the upright.

Footscray came back toward the end and almost snatched the winner.

Vasic started the move by pushing the ball wide to Hazabent who drew defender before slotting the ball back for Slobodan Jovanovic. His cross was headed by Petrov to the feet of Vasic who raced into the goal.

However, a half fit Boland is still worth two of the average players and his skills were magnificent.

The Slickers paid \$20,000 for Boland from Newcastle at the start of the season.

He would have been a cheap buy at double the price.

And for Saints, well their PSL campaign for 1980 ended as it started — by making so many defensive errors it was almost unbelievable.

Saints have conceded 65 goals in their 26 PSL games which in fact has been the main reason why they are relegated.

Their defence was naive and just had no clue on the basic fundamentals of proper defensive play.

Saints directors will not have to go cap in hand to the Australian Soccer Federation and seek re-election to the PSL next season.

Whether they will succeed is now in the lap of the gods.

As for the Slickers — well they're the new champions and on top of the world.

They deserved their success and all the best wishes must go



Slickers hit the heights

SYDNEY CITY 4
ST GEORGE 1

Ground: Sydney Athletic Field.
Conditions: Hot.
Score: Sydney City: Boden 2, Trenter 2. St George: Griffiths.

Referee: Tim Davies 9.

Sydney City became the new club champions of Australian soccer with an easy 4-1 win over St George at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The Slickers are worthy champions and deserved the title because they proved to be the most consistent team throughout the PSL campaign this year.

This was a great day for Slickers coach Eddie Thomson in his first coaching spell with the club.

Thomson was unable to play in this clash because of a burst blood vessel in his leg.

Also on the bench were key players Murray Barnes and Kevin Mull — out suspended.

Add to that Joe Watson played only half fit and Ken Boden was still under the handicap of a nagging groin injury and City's win was all the more meritorious.

After the game coach Thomson was the happiest and proudest man in Australia.

"It's been a long hard season and it's certainly been some experience," he said.

"For the first half hour today I thought I was going to have a heart attack when we stumbled around and allowed Saints to get on top.

"However, when Ken Boden scored in the 38th minute I knew it was all over."

"I'm proud of the lads and thank them for giving me 100 percent in every game this year."

"We are a good team and you'd better believe we're going to get better next season."

Although the Slickers win was by no means a one man show, the brilliant Ken Boden stood head and shoulders above them all.

Boden scored two goals with Mark Trenter getting the other two and Billy Griffiths netting Saints one effort.

The Slickers were noticeably nervous during the first 30 minutes and nothing would go right for them.

Then Boden took command and in the 38th minute was on the spot to head home a fine John Stevenson cross to put his side in the lead and settle them down.

He struck again three minutes after the interval with his headed home another one — this time from a Hilton Silva cross from the left.

It then seemed as if the floodgates would open and the Slickers would pile on the goals.

But Saints Billy Griffiths had other ideas and showed the Slickers with a well taken goal.

However class always tells and the ever alert Mark Trenter added two further goals for City when he capitalised on some dreadful mistakes by the Saints defence.

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City escapes death knell

BRISBANE CITY 1
CANBERRA 1

Score: Gaffney (BC), McLaren (Canb.).
Ground: Perry Park.
Crowd: 2863.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: T. Bookovic 9.

Cautions: Moulis (CB).
Brisbane City escaped relegation by the skin of its teeth by drawing the final match 1-1 against its nemesis, Canberra City, which City now has been able to beat only once in eight PSL matches.

West Adelaide's 1-0 loss to Marconi ensured City to escape the death knell by a solitary point.

Once again it was the same old story, Brisbane City had a welter of goal-scoring chances, but only the reaction only though Larry Gaffney's 10th minute effort.

The goal came after some clever jinking by winger Willie Conner, although Gaffney kicked the ground as he attempted to bypass Richard Wilson.

The ball came back to Gaffney off a defender and even though his second shot was struck well, Wilson could only get a hand to it as the ball found the corner.

Wilson then made a fabulous save off a Frank Pimblett shot as City really threatened to open up and record its first win since beating Heidelberg 7-0 many rounds before.

But at the other end, Walter Valeri ran onto a good through ball and only the reaction of Martin Coe in coming out prevented what looked a certain goal.

Wilson also shoved a scissor kick from Barry Kelso over the bar and deftly headed a goalbound Gaffney header, even though the midfielder looked suspiciously offside when he met Steve Perry's cross.

Coe however was forced to match Wilson's brilliance by snaring a difficult Duncan Cole free kick and a header from John O'Shea.

At half time, before Canberra lost fullback Danny Moulis with a suspected broken nose after a clash with the lumbering Kelso.

Moulis tried three times to halt the big striker's progress and in the melee of wildly waving arms and legs, Moulis fell to the ground bleeding profusely.

Kelso carried on down the sideline, rode another tough tackle from Mike Milovanovic and drew Wilson out before crossing into the middle. But with the open goal at his mercy, Joe Palinkas hesitated and missed.

Brisbane City began the second half in rollicking fashion and had at least three gifted chances — a header which Kelso should have put away, a badly taken attempt by Pimblett and a rocket from Kelso which whistled a foot over the bar.

But the inevitable happened, as Brisbane City has experienced many times this year, and the equaliser began through substitute Robert O'Shea chasing a long ball and consulting on down the left.

His pass found Don McLaren who skipped through a couple of weak tackles before they beat Coe for the only time, from the edge of the box.

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AIR

Gary Cole of Heidelberg wins the trip to Europe. Final list:

21. Cole (H'berg)
16. Jankovic (Marc)
15. Paton (H'berg)
13. Krncovic (Marc), Boden (SC)
12. J. Nyshokhus (AC)
11. Duarte (SC G)
10. P. O'Connor (APIA), Beljovic (SM), M. Barnes (SC)
9. C. Barnes (AC), Wilkinson (Black), Kelso (BC)
8. Millman (BL), T. Byrne (Can), Shorne (Marc), Hoya (Newc), Evans (SM), Stevenson (SC)
7. Giampolo, Valeri (Can), Vasic (Foot), G. Byrne (Can)
6. Hunter (Black), J. Campbell (H'berg), G. Campbell (SM), Manecas (WA)
5. Lujic (Foot), Boziskas (H'berg), Jones (Newc), Cummings (SM), Roanline (WA)

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7.2 Moulis (Can)
7.1 Selomidis (H'berg), Krncovic (Marc), Christopoulos (SM)
7.0 Hunter (Black), Raskopoulos (Marc)

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Details of all past games between cup finalists Heidelberg and Marconi.

1977
MARCONI 8 (Campbell 3, Shorne 2, Degney, Rooney, Vieri) at Middle Park, crowd 7800. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Blasby 4 - McMILLAN 5, Tansey 4, P. Bannan 4, Rakovialis 4 - Taylor 5, McMorran 4 (Provan 4, half time), J. Campbell 5 - Boziskas 4 (O'Reilly 3), Cole 4, Buljivic 7. Coach: John Margaritis.

MARCONI: Maher 8 - Jones 7, Praskalo 8, Hucker 7, Degney 7 - Richards 8, Byrne 6, Rooney 9, Shorne 5, E. Campbell 10, Shorne 9. Coach: Rale Rasic.

MARCONI 0 HEIDELBERG 0 at Marconi Oval, crowd 6500. Ratings by Dieter Warner:

MARCONI: Maher 7 - Robertson 6, Praskalo 8, Russell 7, Degney 7 - Richards 8, Byrne 6, Rooney 9, Shorne 5, Mariani 6, Campbell 5 (Williams 7th). Coach: Rale Rasic.

HEIDELBERG: Blasby 7 - V. Bannan 7, Provan 7, O'Reilly 7, McMahon 7 - Campbell 7, P. Bannan 8, Taylor 7 - Boziskas 7 (Trent 6th). Coach: John Margaritis.

1978
MARCONI 4 (Vieri, Rooney, Jankovic, Byrne) HEIDELBERG 0 at Marconi Oval, crowd 5891. Ratings by John Taylor:

MARCONI: Maher 7 - Jones 7, Russell 8, Praskalo 6, Degney 7 - Byrne 8, Vieri 8, Rooney 7 - Shorne 7, Mariani 6, Jankovic 7. Coach: Rale Rasic.

HEIDELBERG: Blasby 5 - McMILLAN 7, Provan 6, O'Reilly 6, Taylor 7 - Taylor 5 (Hay 7th), P. Bannan 5, Campbell 5 - Boziskas 6, Cole 6, Buljivic 6. Coach: John Margaritis.

HEIDELBERG 4 (Buljivic, Cole, Campbell, Boziskas) MARCONI 1 (Richards) at Olympic Park, crowd about 12,000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Blasby 7 - McMILLAN 8, O'Reilly 7, Provan 7, Tansey 8, Campbell 6, P. Bannan 8, Taylor 8 - Boziskas 6, Cole 6, Buljivic 8. Coach: John Margaritis.

HEIDELBERG 4 (Buljivic, Cole, Campbell, Boziskas) MARCONI 1 (Richards) at Olympic Park, crowd about 12,000. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Blasby 7 - McMILLAN 8, O'Reilly 7, Provan 7, Tansey 8, Campbell 6, P. Bannan 8, Taylor 8 - Boziskas 6, Cole 6, Buljivic 8. Coach: John Margaritis.

MARCONI: Maher 7 - Byrne 5, Russell 5 (Brogan 6th), Richards 4, Degney 5 - Taylor 7, Jankovic 4 (Buljivic 7, half time), Rooney 7 - Shorne 5, Mariani 6, Williams 6. Coach: Rale Rasic.

1979
MARCONI 0 HEIDELBERG 4 (Yzendoorn, Paton, Cole 2) at Marconi Oval, crowd 4362. Ratings by Alex Vasic:

MARCONI: Maher 5 - Barry 6, Russell 6, Praskalo 7, Degney 6 - Henderson 6, Provan 9, Jankovic 5, Krncovic 7, Shorne 5. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 8 - Yzendoorn 8, Provan 9, P. Bannan 8, Tansey 8 - Campbell 8, Taylor 8, Rooney 9 - Boziskas 7 (Paton 8, 4th), Cole 9, Buljivic 9. Coach: Manny Poulikakis.

HEIDELBERG 3 (Russell o.g., Paton 2) MARCONI 2 (Jankovic, Campbell o.g.) at Olympic Park, crowd 5830. Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 9 - McMILLAN 9, Yzendoorn 7, P. Bannan 5, Tansey 10 - Campbell 7, Taylor 8, Rooney 10 - Cole 5, Paton 8, Buljivic 9. Coach: Manny Poulikakis.

MARCONI: Maher 5 - Brogan 7, Russell 7, Praskalo 9 (inj. 4th), sub. Shorne 6, Degney 6 - Byrne 5, Henderson 5, Lindsay 6 - Jankovic 6, Krncovic 7, Shorne 7. Coach: Les Scheinflug.

Top four series: MARCONI 2 (Byrne, Henderson) HEIDELBERG 1 (Cole) at Marconi Stadium, crowd about 7000. Ratings by Alex Vasic: MARCONI: Maher 8 - Brogan 8, Russell 8, Praskalo 8, Salvage 6 - Byrne 8, Henderson 9, Lindsay 7 -

PREVIOUS FINALS

Previous Philips Cup finals:

1977

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Tokel) MARCONI 1 (Shorne), Brisbane City won on penalties, at Perry Park, crowd 7000. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE CITY: Bord 7 - Ratnall 6, Hamilton 8, Tokel 9, McLeod 9 - Pimblett 8, Schervier 7 (Kibbey 10th), Gaffney 8 - Caldwell 7 (Coyne 9th), Johnston 6, Connor 7.

MARCONI: Maher 8 - Jones 7, Praskalo 7, Russell (sent off 77th), Degney 8 - Richards 7, Byrne 7, Rooney 7 (Salvage 7, 6th) - Campbell 6, Mariani 7, Shorne 7.

1978

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Kalo, Pimblett) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Matic) at Perry Park, crowd about 4800. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE CITY: Wihart 7 - Ratnall 7, Ratcliffe 7, Perry 9, Le-

vie 7 - Pimblett 8, Kibbey 7, Coyne 8 - Caldwell 6 (Brusacco 6, 6th), Kalo 7, Gaffney 9.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8 - B. Nyshokhus 7, Blair 8 (Dunn 8th), Lister 7, Malta 7 - Park 6, Muniz 5, Matic 7, Marocchi 7 - Marve 6, J. Nyshokhus 7.

1979

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (J. Nyshokhus 2, B. Nyshokhus) ST. GEORGE 2 (O'Connor, J. O'Shea) at Olympic Sports Field, crowd 8564. Ratings by Mento Toutsidis:

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8 - B. Nyshokhus 10, Blair 7 (Muir 5th), Russell 9, Dodds 9 - Muniz 7, Marocchi 8, Northcote 9, Villars 8 - J. Nyshokhus 10, Kent 6 (Malta 9, 5th).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 8 - Harris 7, Udenovic 8, Della Pica 8, E. O'Shea 7 - Mihajlovic 7, Katholos 9, J. O'Shea 9 - Cotton 7 (Henneman), Fenoughy 8, O'Connor 8.

SCORERS, STARS

Top scorers in games between Heidelberg and Marconi:

HEIDELBERG
5. Cole
4. Paton
2. Boziskas, Yzendoorn.

MARCONI
5. Jankovic
3. E. Campbell
2. Shorne, Rooney, Vieri, Byrne.

Most appearances in games between Marconi and Heidelberg:
HEIDELBERG
9. P. Bannan, J. Campbell, Cole.
8. McMILLAN, Tansey.
7. Taylor, Boziskas, Buljivic.
6. Provan.
5. Yzendoorn, Rooney, Paton.

MARCONI
9. Maher, Byrne, Shorne.
8. Praskalo.
7. Degney, Russell, Jankovic.

Of the players in the respective squads on Friday, the following average ratings show which have performed best in games between the clubs:
HEIDELBERG
8.5 Selemdis (two games).
8.2 Rooney.
7.7 Tansey.

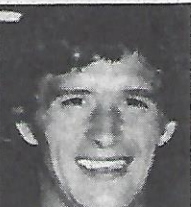
MARCONI
8.0 Raskopoulos (two games).
7.7 Henderson.
7.6 Praskalo.



Eddie Thomson



Alan Vest



Attie Abonyi

These are our top ten coaches

The success of Melita Eagles in the NSW State league has firmly established Attie Abonyi in the ranks of Australia's top coaches.

Two minor premierships with Croatia as player coach and now another with Melita as non-playing coach is certainly an impressive record.

The experiences this season of Gerry Chaldi and Raul Blanco make one wary however to say that Attie "has arrived" as a top coach.

In coaching you are only as good as your last game, as Billy Birch found out during a recent weekend in Adelaide when his dual charges, Adelaide Croatia and West Adelaide, both crashed.

If Attie Abonyi can now claim a spot among Australia's top coaches, whose company he is now keeping.

In other words who are our top 10 coaches?

Picking coaches is like picking players, individual preferences differ widely.

Additionally unless one has worked with a coach it is difficult to give a true assessment. Notwithstanding that and notwithstanding that I have most knowledge of NSW coaching and know nothing of what is happening in Tasmania or Western Australia, here is my list of 10 top coaches based on happenings this year and coloured by results in previous years.

RUDI GUTENDORF, RALE RASIC, LEN MCKENDRY, LES SCHEINFLUG, ALAN VEST, JOHN MARGARITIS, MICK JONES, EDDIE THOMPSON, MATT CARSON, ATTIE ABONYI.

The list is always in a state of flux. Gerry Chaldi was at his head just two years ago.

Going from my own experience the development of a coach to a really high standard takes a long time.

None of the aforementioned have as yet reached the level to which I aspire. Billy Birch and Brian Edgeley by winning minor premierships in Adelaide and Melbourne obviously enhanced their status this year but not sufficiently to dim memories of previous non success.

Which brings us back to what is coaching success?

In my opinion the ultimate in coaching success embraces the following:

1. Good discipline combined with team spirit.
2. Growth in skill and personality of players.
3. Development of a pattern of play (preferably attractive).
4. Winning a league premiership.

To put this altogether requires deep technical and tactical knowledge, plus knowledge of fitness, psychology, organisation and man management which usually takes years to acquire, with many bumps along the way.



MIKE JOHNSON

Money and coaching success are today very synonymous.

Money buys good players and good players are indispensable team success.

The maldigned Mave Maclaren won two premierships in a row with rich, all conquering Sydney Hakoah.

Is Eddie Thompson reaping a similar benefit to Maclaren and Chaldi?

The Croatian clubs with their big crowds tend to dominate State league soccer and we must bear this in mind when assessing the performances of Attie Abonyi, Brian Edgeley and Billy Birch.

Vic Gudendorf has experience and intelligence, but has gone through a lot of jobs.

Rale Rasic has yet to win a league premiership.

Len McKendry struggled with a team in NSW State league Division Two for two years, including one of the years when that particular league was weakened due to the start of the Philips league.

Les Scheinflug had very modest team results for a decade till he took over the Marconi reigns from Rasic, who had done so much of the early building.

Alan Vest has not fulfilled expectations at Newcastle in a four year stay.

John Margaritis had South Melbourne bottom and West Adelaide in turmoil before this seasons success.

I mention these facts to balance the record when assessing coaches currently up front.

I am impressed by the record of Mick Jones, by his results, experience and training.

Rale Rasic, despite the fact that he costs a lot, not only on his salary, but on that of players he invariably buys, always achieves respectable results.

Rasic is never expected to produce cheap book disasters such as have hit Manchester City's Malcolm Allison.

Vest also gives one a feeling of safety, if not a guarantee for success.

Two coaches I should mention are Joe Vlasits and Jim Adams.

Adams like Mick Jones, seems to have been given insufficient credit in the past.

Adam's results at APIA last year were far superior to those achieved this year, yet the club considered he was not good enough.

Joe Vlasits got Australia to within a whisker of the world cup finals, yet also got a NSW Second division team relegated.

His recall as Australian youth team coach is a tribute to his durability.

Vic Dalgheich, coach of Auburn in the NSW State league, has done a good job on a limited budget to get his team placed third this year, following success in previous seasons with the NSW under-16 team.

Yet Dalgheich earlier this season was riding high till this season when his team was decimated by transfers.

Sutherland's John Watkiss was riding high till this season when his team was decimated by transfers.

Among all the aforementioned coaches, with their ups and downs, bumps and bruises has new comer Attie Abonyi come up with the magic formula continuing for success?

Three premierships in three years takes some beating. It surely is a hard act to follow.

Lederer, Lowy set the way



TOM ANDERSON

New Philips Soccer League champion Sydney City has a record second to none in Australia football.

In the days before the PSL the Slickers - then better known as Hakoah - were the leaders on the club scene and captured honors with monotonous regularity.

And when the PSL was introduced in 1977, nothing changed and the Slickers continued their glory run.

In four seasons of PSL football, Sydney City has won two championships and has also recorded two top four championship wins.

This is a tremendous record and one that has to be applauded.

Just what is the secret of Sydney City's success?

Well, in my opinion it can all be summed up in one word - stability.

Stability at the top, in administration, where it counts.

For any soccer club anywhere in the world to be successful, it must have stable leadership in the boardroom where most of the major decisions are made.

It's stability at the top that gives leadership to the rest of the club and sets an example for all to follow.

Sydney City has this winning ingredient and that is why it is Australia's most successful club.

All directors play their part and are well led by club president Frank Lowy.

However, extra praise must be given to Sydney City's director of soccer, Andrew Lederer - a man who adores his football and lives for the game.

Lederer is a winner all the way and refuses to be associated with failures.

He, more than anyone else behind the scenes, deserves the most credit for City's success.

As for general secretary David Childs, he is ultra efficient, he has magnificent relations with the media and ensures that the Slickers are always in the limelight.

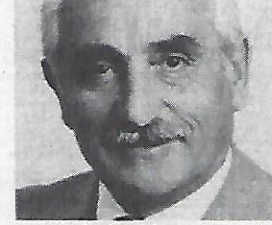
Sydney City is one club that realises the importance of good media relations.

Another master touch was the appointment of Eddie Thomson as player-coach this year.

Many pundits shook their heads when this move was made and declared that the days of player-coaches were over in the PSL.

They did not reckon with the grit, determination and football knowledge of the dour and determined Thomson.

Thomson is a professional who has learned



Andrew Lederer

his trade the proper way - up through the ranks of top professional football.

There is no substitute for this and the pros always come out on top in the end, as Thomson has this season.

But in all championship wins the real deciding factor is the players - who have the last say in it all.

The Slickers' playing staff is a professional one and one stacked with talent.

Any one of the first team could go into the Soccerco team and do a good job.

All the City players know what this game of football is all about and know what is required of them.

Also, this fine squad of players is never allowed to weaken. Shrewd buys and the addition of good youngsters keep it a full strength.

This is stability from the board room to the dressing room. It is the recipe for success, as Sydney City has proved this year and time again.

So congratulations to the champions - success breeds success as they have so aptly proved.

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Few clubs world wide can lay claim to producing a side which can go through a season undefeated.

Such a feat too often stays in the dreams of club officials and supporters but District League Division One club Yarraville made the dream come true in 1980 by becoming undefeated champion of its league.

This is Yarraville's story; a story of a club with a proud and long history in Victorian soccer. The lesson to be learned from Yarraville's story is not new. Clubs throughout Australia attempt, many by force of competition rather than choice, to fill club coffers and buy expertise which will nurture success.

Who could have envisioned a District League club with \$20,000 to spend on team building?

The ever-increasing incidence of money-made success is now firmly established as a fact of soccer life.

Clubs like Yarraville will continue to rise as others wallow in leagues from which they cannot escape until they face their inevitable fate — relegation.

Yarraville was formed in 1909 and shared First Division honours with Williamstown in 1912. Both clubs finished the season with the same points and equal goal average.

1913 was a great year in Yarraville's history as the club became First Division champion and won the prestigious Dockerty Cup.

The club's history is sketchy for most ensuing years but there can be no doubt that the club's demise was well in peration.

The Greek community made its move in 1960 and took over the running of the club.

Yarraville's longest serving president, Nick Amanatidis, took over in 1960 and served Yarraville faithfully until 1979 when his brother Jim took over as president.

As hard as Nick Amanatidis tried to build up a progressive club he could not do so alone and Yarraville floundered in what could best be described as the paddocks or backwaters of Victorian soccer and success seemed a distant dream.

But with support Yarraville suddenly made other clubs sit up and take notice and in 1979 the club missed out on promotion to the Provisional Leagues by one point.

The District Division One ladder for 1979 showed:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Postel Institute.....	22	16	3	3	46	21	35
Clifton Hill.....	22	14	2	6	51	26	30
Yarraville.....	22	12	5	5	51	29	29

By now Yarraville was in a sound financial position and by the start of the 1980 season the club had \$20,000 to spend on players and a top coach.

Three players were bought from Metro Division Two side Ardeer, one from State League club Western Suburbs and one from Greece with Second Division experience. Coach Takis Svingos was bought from Port Melbourne in the Metro Second Division after a fine career with Port highlighted by his win in the Metro fourth Division Best and Fairest Award for 1974.

These "imports", along with Yarraville's 1979 squad, gave the club a second-to-none chance of gaining promotion.

Metro side Fawkner has gained publicity as the "little Marconi" but Yarraville lays claim to the title of the "little Hellas".

Season 1980 saw Yarraville attract up to 1,000 spectators at home games and the club did not disappoint them. Yarraville was the only side from the Victorian State League, Metro Leagues, Provisional Leagues and District Leagues to remain undefeated at the end of an arduous season.

The promise of things to come was made in a pre-season friendly against PSL club J.U.S.T. which ended 1-1. Yarraville's 1980 title could be added to when the club attempts a clean sweep of District League honours by trying to win the District League Cup and District League Reserve Cup when both finals are played on 19 October.

New lighting will be in use next season as well as an underground sprinkler system.

With all of this season's squad intact and itching to start an assault upon the Provisional Leagues, Yarraville is confident it can gain promotion in successive years.

Yarraville has over 200 members, one of whom is local councillor Fred Maddern who was impressed with Yarraville's success this year and commented at the

"This is a day which I will never forget because the club has achieved the impossible by remaining undefeated for 27 consecutive games.

"I congratulate the club committee, the players and the Yarraville spectators. This is a great day for Yarraville and for the City of Footscray and we are all proud of you."

On 22 October Yarraville will attend a civic reception held in its honour.

This is a breakthrough for Victorian soccer as no other clubs in the Western suburbs, including our Australian Rules neighbours, have been the beneficiary of such a gesture from the Footscray council.

Yarraville's season will climax on 4 October with the club's presentation night at Olympic Receptions in Yarraville.

Guests will include councillor Maddern, councillor Paul Holmes and John Dimtsis, president of the VSF.

The club's Best and Fairest award should be keenly contested by a short list of the following main candidates: Con Sidiropoulos, striker, netted 23 goals this season; Con Karapanagiotidis, midfielder; Nick Apostolidis, goalkeeper, only let 10 past him this season; Angelo Terzakis, defender, and George Meletis, defender.

The message from Yarraville is loud and clear — State League or bust is the club's major aim.

And the aim could be quickly realised if this season's success is a fair indicator of the potential of the "little" Hellas.



Yarraville from left back row: Angelo Terzakis, Jim Panopoulos, George Meletis, Nick Apostolidis, Tony Amanatidis, Con Karapanagiotidis. Front row: Danny Apostolidis, Paul Xanthopoulos, Tim Papes, Con Sidiropoulos, Paul Petridis, Chris Angelos, Steve Fagridas.

Meet the players

Here is a brief pen portrait of the playing staff:

Nick Apostolidis: goalkeeper, age 21.
Tony Amanatidis: defender, 20, from juniors.
Jim Panopoulos: defender, 18, from juniors.
Danny Apostolidis: defender, 25, from Altona in 1976.

Angelo Terzakis: defender, 22, from Ardeer in 1980 also played with Hellas.

George Meletis: defender, 27, from Polonia juniors, represented Victoria at under-18 level.

Con Karapanagiotidis: midfielder, 29, from Western Suburbs in 1979.

Tim Papachristodoulou: midfielder, 19, from Ardeer in 1980 also played with Hellas.

Steve Fagridas: midfielder, 20, from Volos in the Greek Second Division. Joined 1978.

Con Sidiropoulos: forward, 23, from J.U.S.T. in 1978.

Chris Angelos: forward, 27, from Greek Second Division in 1972.

Paul Petridis: forward, 22, from Ardeer in 1980 also played with Heidelberg United.

Apostolos Xanthopoulos: forward, 17, from juniors.

Bill Barbakos: midfielder, 28, from juniors.

Tony Karagiozakis: midfielder, 28, from juniors.

Con Giatas: goalkeeper, 15 and already six foot tall.

Steve Hitas: forward, 16.
Memo Karamousis: midfielder, 17.
Jim Christou: forward, 17.

Victorian Industrial League Black Douglas Cup Final



Kurt Staub, goal-keeper



Colin Howard, defender



Calder McLeod, defender

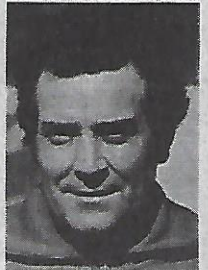


Bowater Scott, from left: Back row: B. Virgin (trainer), M. Leech, B. Quigley, R. Marshall, S. McCole, C. Reid, S. Reid, E. Howarth, G. McCole, T. Reid (coach). Front row: I. McCole, A. Blondel, C. McLeod, R. Davies, K. Staub, C. Howard, G. Liokos.

BOWATER SCOTT



Ronnie Marshall, forward



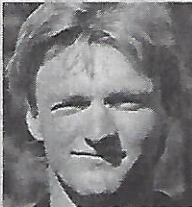
Thomson Reid, coach



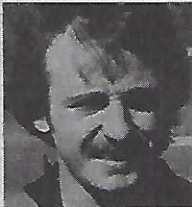
Ernie Howarth, president



Calder Reid, secretary



Stephen Reid, defence or midfield



Ian McCole, midfielder



Mal Leech, sweeper



George Liokos, defence or midfield



Bowater committee, left to right: B. Quigley, C. McLeod, A. Blondel, S. McCole, B. Virgin, C. Reid (secretary), T. Reid, E. Howarth (president), R. Howarth, H. Hirsch.



Stuart McCole, defender



Russell Davies, midfielder and captain



Brian Quigley, forward



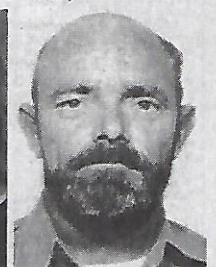
Graham McCole, forward



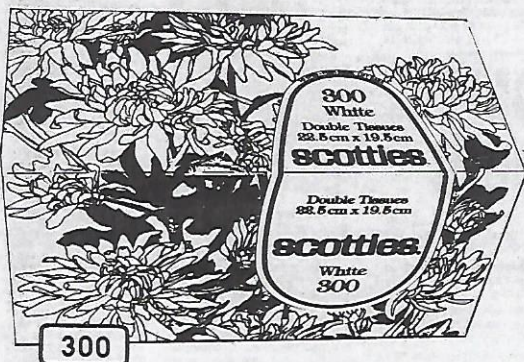
Janko Jakovljevic, midfield or forward



Andy Blondel, forward



Ernie Fletcher, treasurer.



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SPLIT FOR THE CUP



Can AR Split capture the Black Douglas Cup which has proved so elusive in recent times?

The rise of this Croatian Industrial League side has been phenomenal but Split has been the beaten finalist in the last two Douglas Cup Finals twice going down to arch rival Tarax.

Split's hurdle in this year's final is Bowater Scott which has just completed its best season in the Industrial League Division One, finishing fifth.

Significantly both 1980 league matches between Bowater Scott and Split have ended in draws, 2-2 and 1-1. Bowater is contesting its second Black Douglas Cup Final having lost the 1977 final.

The Scott's side features captain and midfielder Russell Davies who played for Shildon in the North East of England League; prolific scorer Andy Blondel from Doncaster Rovers; midfielder George Liokos also from Doncaster and Stephen Reid who plays in the back four.

Three brothers play for the Scott's team — Ian, Graham and Stuart McCole

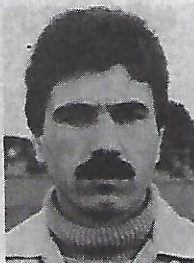
— and coach Thomson Reid will put out a fit and fiercely competitive side for this Sunday's final at Middle Park at 3 pm.

But Split looks too classy for Bowater particularly with players of great experience such as midfielder Ivica Turicar, former Croatia and Austria star; Frank Franjic, another midfielder and former Croatia player and Ivica Cesljar, formerly of Makedonia and Croatia.

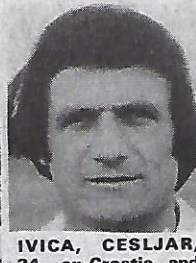
Split coach Miro Franjic had a successful career as goalkeeper with Croatia and he currently combines his keeping talents with his coaching duties at Split.

Franjic will be keen to gain added prestige by chalking up a Black Douglas Cup in the list of his credits and Sunday could be a day of celebrations for the Croatian community.

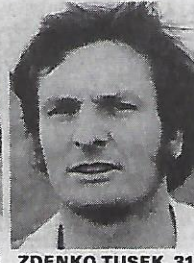
But cup finals are notorious for making a mockery of form and Scott's cannot be written off.



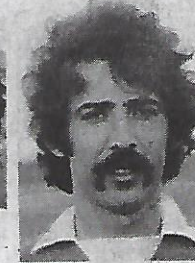
BRANKO KUZMAR, 30.



IVICA, CESLJAR, 34, ex-Croatia and Makedonia, joined 1977.



ZDENKO TUSEK, 31, joined from Ford, 1979.



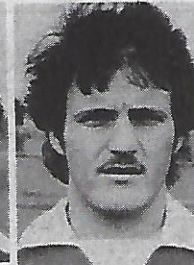
MATE DIMAG, 31, sweeper, ex-Croatia.



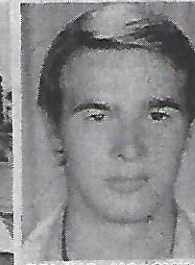
MISO VIDIC, 26, from Borovo, 1977.



FRANK FRANJIC, 25, joined 1979 from Croatia.



NICK JUGOVIC, 22, ex-Ericsson.



ZELJKO HOLOVKA, 23, Forward, ex-Austria.



AR Split, Back Row, from left: F. Rezo, M. Vlaovic, N. Vulic, Z. Tusek, Z. Holovka, L. Matic, D. Alimic, B. Kuzmar. Front Row: S. Sabljak, I. Turicar, I. Milanovic, F. Franjic, N. Jugovic, I. Cesljar.



MIRO FRANJIC, player-coach and goalkeeper.



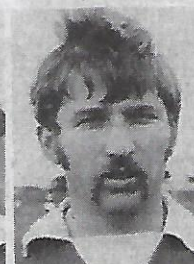
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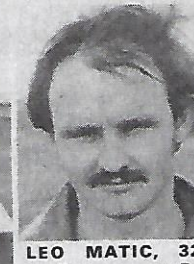
MILJENKO, VLAOVIC, 27, midfielder, ex-Croatia.



IVICA TURICAR, 30, midfielder, ex-Croatia and Austria.



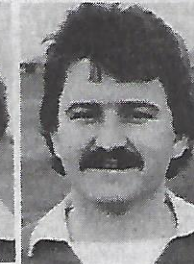
IVICA MILANOVIC, 31, mid fielder.



LEO MATIC, 32, goalkeeper, ex-Es-sendon Lions, Kodak and Roman Leather-goods.



DRAGO ALIMIC, 25, forward, ex-Williamstown.



FRANK BAJER, 22, ex-Austria, joined 1978.



NIKOLA VULIC, 29, joined 1977.

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Broadmeadows City under 12's have completed a successful season in the Victorian Northern B section. The boys won the championship from 9 other clubs by winning 15, drawing 1, and losing 2 games.

The boys generally played against much bigger opponents but compensated with skill and a lot of fighting spirit

Meadows make it

and team effort.

Among the teams successes was winning the Moreland Junior Cup competition. The boys had to play 4 games, against teams that are in the "A" league competition.

Pictured, from left, stand-

ing: J. Xuereb (manager), J. Amato, J. Mangion, C. Xuereb, D. Stratford, J. Amenta, M. Saliba, L. Azopardi, M. Bakir, J. O'Neill (coach). Front: I. Zovko, A. Buhagiar, A. Cosmas, D. Batticciotto, G. Sparks, S. Maloney.

'Signore's flame is set to glow bright

Imagine a young lad taking up most of his spare school hours by kicking a soccer ball around the schoolyard and dreaming of Adelaide City Juventus and you have a clear picture of the early soccer years of Adelaide City's promising young star Luciano Signore.

"I have loved Adelaide City since I was a kid," said Signore, "and my main ambition is to establish myself in the first team."

Signore's competitive career started with Adelaide City's under-14's and he played on the left wing.

"I was the smallest player in the side and I think I was put on the left wing to keep out of trouble because my opponents were always taller and stronger."

"My job was as a goal sneak and I owe a great deal of credit for my early development to Charlie Horvath, an ex-Australian national goalkeeper whose training was hard, physical stuff which helped me along with the many hours of shooting practice."

"Bob D'Ottavi, now coach of Campbelltown City in First Division is another coach who helped me when he was coaching City's Third Division side."

"I was only 16 when I played in the first team in Third Division and I became the youngest player to win the Ron Roberts Medal."

"It was the highlight of my younger years and I was thrilled to win such a prestigious award but not more thrilled than Bob."

"Bob looked after Charlie Villani and me and his major contribution to our development was in the areas of attitude, skills and knowledge of the game. He made us look around and become aware of what was involved in attempting to become more complete players."

Signore's representative career started at a late stage because he didn't like the idea of missing out on club games while playing for South Australia but this attitude is one which he now regrets.

"Most people can't understand why I preferred to play for my club rather than my state and it's hard to explain but I just loved to play for Adelaide City."



Luciano Signore

"My experiences at youth level this year have been tremendous and I now regret missing out in past years when so many people wanted to select me for the State side."

"This year I was almost pushed into playing for the South Australian youth team and people were ringing me up all the time and asking me to play."

"I think the recognition I gained through being a part of Adelaide City's PSL squad had a lot to do with the interest shown in me."

Signore is little different from most Australian youth

team candidates in his fierce desire to represent his country at the coming Coca-Cola World Youth Cup Finals in 1981 but he feels that establishing himself as a regular first team player with Adelaide City is the first and most important step in his quest for youth team honours by giving him recognition necessary in furthering a possible national career.

Signore could go to English First Division side, Norwich City for an invaluable four or five week period to enhance his knowledge and experience of professional soccer.

"Justin Fashanu has invited me over and I am still considering the offer. If I go I most likely will leave this coming December."

Although the youngster has played in every field position throughout his short career the Norwich trip would be a bonus for his development.

It also would be a bonus for Adelaide City and the national youth team and the first spark in the fire of Signore's career destined to burst into full flame in the near future — BY CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" Hat Trick Diploma is available to any junior player who scored three or more goals in any league, Cup or official school match. Friendly matches do not count.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-Trick Heroes" published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Steven Avent, 9, four goals (Chelsea); Tonino Rosa, 13, four goals (East Griffith); Adam Philip, 8, four goals (Nunawading City); Fabian Isgro, 11, four goals (Swan Hill); Jamie Shaw, 9, four goals, John Peters, 10, John Garle, 11 (Sunbury Utd); Scott Horne, 8, six goals, Jarrod Norman, 8, Julian Eccles, 9, five goals, Matthew Connolly, 9, four goals (Rosetta Primary); Arthur Pat-

nyot, 14, Raffaele DiClemente, 12, four goals, Roberto Battista, 12 (Thomastown); Greg Antas, 12, five goals, Andrew Krzywniak, 12, Paolo Trimboli, 11, five goals (Brighton); Tony Giannopoulos, 14, four goals (Malvern C); Kenneth Smith, 14 (Yolla District High); Michael Tatnell, 13, five goals, Robert Low, 13, five goals, Paul Fletcher, 13, (Moe United); Terry Venturi, 7 (Clayton); Colin Cooper, 11, Ken Galea, 11 (Altona C); Darren Nicholls, 13, Darren Higgs, 13, four goals, Dale Burgess, 13, Darren Billings, 13 (Reece High School); Matthew Day, 10, Paul Sharpe, 9, James Collier, 9, Michael Freeman, 10, four goals (Umina United).



This week's picture has been entered by Z. Cierpiz of Flat 4, 65 Warrick St., Ascot Vale, Vic. 3032. It shows George Christopoulos of South Melbourne Hellas shooting at goal, as Jim Kondarios of Footscray JUST tries to tackle. Behind them is Duncan Cummings and at right Zoran Ilioski.

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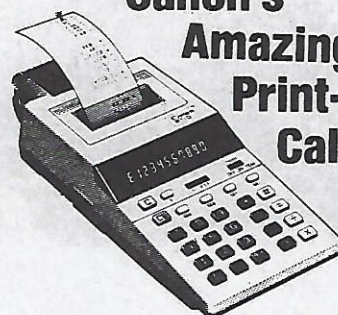
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Guidotto, A. Torrieri, L. Sola. The club was formed by the local Italian community and in 1970 current president Don De Fabridio took over with Charlie Caser as Secretary. Club honours include Latrobe Valley First Division champion 1971; Battle of Britain Cup Winner and Advertising Shield Winner 1972; Provisional League champion 1973/74; Runner-up Metro Division Four 1977; Runner-up Metro Division Three 1979; Runner-up Metro Division Two 1980. Falcons enjoy fine facilities including owning their own ground, grandstands and social club. Building of a new social hall to hold at least 800 people will start this month.



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